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For: A CERAMIC SUPPORT CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING A CATALYST, A
CATALYST-CERAMIC BODY AND PROCESSES FOR PRODUCING SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Please amend the above-identified application, prior to examination, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claim(s) for corresponding claim(s) previously presented. A copy of the amended claim(s) showing current revisions is attached.

73. (Twice Amended) A catalyst ceramic body comprising a ceramic support having a number of pores and a catalyst component directly supported within, or at least partially within, the pores of said ceramic support.